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3 A whirlpool bath has a combination suction fixture and
4 disposable filter. The suction fixture is a plastic semi-
5 cylindrical housing attachable to the tub. A removable
6 faceplate is reinforced and resistant to body and hair
7 entrapment. The disposable filter is fibrous having a
8 porous core, wherein the porous core has a series of holes
9 and/or slots graduating in size from small at the outlet end
10 to large at the remote end. The filter, sloped floor of the
11 housing and drain slots provide for low water retention
12 during shutdown. A safety/sanitation port on the outlet
13 port creates cavitation if the whirlpool bath is operated
14 without the disposable filter. The preferred embodiment
15 removable faceplate is attached to the housing via a magnet
16 and a peripheral ledge providing a pop off design. The
17 preferred embodiment filter also has a pop off design.